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## THE EX-QUEEN.

Some exception is taken to our statement made yesterday regarding the "morals" of the ex-Queen. He is an ardent fool who believes that the westward movement of the American "Star of Empire" can be affected by the morals of a ruler. He who believes that he can lasso that star, with a string, and pull it out of its course hasn't dealt largely in astronomical forces.

As to the ex-Queen, her political conduct was more than sufficient to justify the action of the men who had the courage to overturn the Monarchy. Her conduct, in its political aspect only, was merely a part of the general drift of things, inevitably working towards reconstruction and changes. It is a story that has been repeated a thousand times in history, and there is nothing unusual or strange about it.

For ourselves, we have an abiding faith in the necessity for truth, politically or otherwise. As for the ex-Queen's "morals," in the sense in which it is used, the evidence against her rested on suspicion only. There was no evidence which any court would entertain as conclusive or even presumptive. So the late Charles L. Carter told us. He had examined the matter carefully. The issue raised in that direction was of no consequence, when there was an abundance of the most convincing testimony that she was ready, had tried, and would again try, to destroy stable Government here. She had committed political sins enough to warrant the events of '93, and it was not necessary to suggest other matters which might be true, but the legal proof of which was lacking.

It is precisely this kind of irresponsible testimony, based on rumors, that leads a large number of influential American papers to affirm constantly that the present Government of Hawaii is composed of "missionary thieves and pirates."

Errors about facts make a poor cement in the foundations of a moral structure. They are sure to dissolve and endanger its stability.

## OPIUM.

The case of Estate of Chun Lung vs. S. Ahmi, involves the opium license granted in January 1887, to Chun Lung for the exclusive sale of opium in the Islands. The license was capitalized at \$100,000 and the shares taken by several Chinese. The evidence before the Court was that the profits of the business, during 13 months of its continuance were 110 per cent. or \$110,000.

This judicial finding of a fact is extremely interesting. It puts at rest all rumors about the real value of the traffic.

The importation of opium is now forbidden, although it is permitted in the country to which, so far as we can do so, we have annexed ourselves. In spite of the vigilance of the Customs officers, the article is here, and in "moderate" price. The Legislature might as well have enacted a law forbidding water to run through a sieve.

The demoralizing effect of a law which gives to the "informer" or captor, a part of the fine, or value of a smuggled article, appears here in certain quarters among the lesser officials, as it has appeared in other countries. This general demoralization in other countries leads to the repeal of laws giving captors any special reward.

The average citizen does not appreciate the effect of a reward on an official who is earning small wages. It tends to convert his duties into a lottery, and fix his mind on handsome rewards, rather

er than on the dull routine of duty.

Any one acquainted with the working of political machines of a low order, sees the great value of such an arrangement as the opium matter in practical politics. We make no allusion or reference to it in connection with our own Customs and Police administration.

If Mr. Richard Croker of N. Y. were induced, for health reasons, to settle here, he would promptly say: "Boys don't let the missionaries repeal the opium law. It is too valuable to lose. Make those people believe as we make them believe in New York, that sin must be suppressed by the Police, and then we can tax sin in our own way, and make it support the boys while they run the machine."

In the event of annexation our own law prohibiting the importation of opium must give way, under the constitutional provisions of the United States, although prohibition of its sale would be legal under territorial law. But the matter should be taken out of politics, for it can be.

## PERSONAL AND PECULIAR.

One man who escaped from the ill-fated Tasmania had a unique experience, says the Sydney Bulletin. When he arrived at his home in Gisborne he found all his luggage placidly awaiting him. It had been washed ashore at Gisborne, 25 miles from the scene of the wreck, and sent up to his home.

President Kruger of the South African Republic states that Cecil Rhodes is trying to undermine that nation. Rhodes is considered by Stead as the greatest man since Napoleon.

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Acadia University, Wolfville, N. S. is making an effort for the payment of its debt and the further equipment of the institution. The amount needed is \$75,000, and John D. Rockefeller has agreed to give \$15,000 on condition that the remainder—\$60,000—shall be subscribed by November 1, 1898.

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